droughts, the farm labourer and the farmer with small land-holding are looking towards bigger towns especially in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government had prepared any data in this regard for each State/UT;

(d) if so, the records available with Government in this regard; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to curb such a large scale migration to bigger towns?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) to (e) Government are aware that people move from one State to another including Andhra Pradesh for various reasons like absence of employment opportunities in their home State, famine/droughts, in search of better avenues of employment, business etc. As per census 2001, 314.54 million persons moved for various reasons within the country. Out of these, 29.90 million migrated for reasons of employment. Data regarding farm labourer and farmer moving from one State to another due to droughts are not maintained at central level. However, in order to generate better employment opportunities at State level, the Government have launched a number of schemes like Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY), National Food For Work Programme (NFFWP), Indira Awas Yojana (IAY), Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP), Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP), Desert Development Programme (DDP), etc. Further, the Government have recently enacted the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act to provide 100 days guaranteed employment to the rural household.

Functioning of EPFO

2495. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Board of Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) is the trusty and custodian of provident fund belonging to Central Government employees and the task of its day-to-day governance is vest in Commissioner, EPFO;

(b) whether the Board meeting are held periodically and also specially in order to decide emerging issues;

(c) the details of meetings of the Board 'fixed' and 'held' during the last three years till date showing reasons of postponements, wherever arose;

(d) whether EPFO Commissioner's post has been lying vacant for a long time, if so;

(e) since when; and

(f) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The details are enclosed as Statement (*See* below).

(d) to (f) The post of Central Provident Fund Commissioner fell vacant on account of repatriation of the then CPFC to his parent department with effect from 28.10.2004. However, Financial Adviser and Chief Accounts Officer of EPFO was assigned the additional charge of CPFC with effect from 29.10.2004 till 30.11.2005. The post of CPFC has since been filled up on regular basis w.e.f. 1.12.2005.

Statement

The details of the meeting of the Board 'fixed', 'held' and 'postponed' during the last three years

Year	Details of Meeting	Date of Meeting
2002-2003	Special Meeting	12.04.2002
	157th Meeting	09.07.2002
	158th Meeting	22.10.2002
	159th Meeting	04.12.2002
	Special CBT Meeting	23.12.2002
	160th Meeting	28.3.2003

Year	Details of Meeting	Date of Meeting
2003-2004	161st Meeting	31.5.2003
	162nd Meeting	27.06.2003
	163rd Meeting	19.08.2003
	164th Meeting	15.10.2003
	165th Meeting	03.12.2003
	166th Meeting	03.02.2004
	167th Meeting	23.02.2004
2004-2005	168th Meeting	30.06.2004
	169th Meeting	13.07.2004
	169th Meeting	20.07.2004
	169th Meeting	09.08.2004
	170th Meeting	06.12.2004
	171st Meeting	21.02.2005
	172nd Meeting	20.03.2005
		*(Postponed)
2005-2006	Special CBT Meeting	28.05.2005
	172nd Meeting	30.07.2005
		*(Postponed)
	172nd Meeting	10.11.2005
		*(Postponed)
	172nd Meeting	21.11.2005
	173rd Meeting	07.12.2005

*Due to administrative exigencies the meeting could not be held.

Incentive for deposits in Employees Provident Fund

2496. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 93 per cent of total members of Employees